

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul

Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Anderson, Doug	Bailey, Myron
Barber, Deb	Barnes, Michael	Boyles, Frank	Crimmins, Carl
Dugan, Peter	Foster, Amity	Fox, Nick (Martinson, Brian)	Geisler, Christopher
Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Goettel, Debbie	Hamann-Roland, Mary	Hansen, Gary
Holberg, Mary Liz	Hollinshead, Mathews	Karwoski, Stan	Lindeke, William (Berger, Scott)
Look, Matt	Maluchnik, Randy	McGuire, Mary Jo	Narayanan, Ashwat
Petryk, Becky	Reich, Kevin	Sanger, Sue	Schember, George
Steffenson, Mark	Tolbert, Chris	Ulrich, Jon	Windschitl, Mark
Wosje, Jeff			
ABSENT:	McDonnell, Craig	Swanson, Dick	
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Koutsoukos, Elaine TAB Coordinator	Freese, Lisa TAC Chair	Thompson, Nick MTS Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:32 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Anderson, to approve the amended agenda of the March 18, 2020, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Berger, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Hovland, Karwoski, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 McDonnell, Swanson

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There was no one in the audience who wished to speak on items not on the agenda.

IV. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported on next April's meeting most likely being held in the same format as the March meeting. Transportation Policy Plan comments are encouraged to be submitted.

2. Agency Reports MnDOT, MPCA, MAC, and Metropolitan Council

Agency reports were deferred to a future meeting.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2020

Approval of minutes was deferred to a future meeting.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Consent

Motion was made by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Bailey and carried, to approve the following consent items:

1. 2020-13 Streamlined TIP Amendment: MnDOT District Pavement Markings

Motion: Recommend to the Council adoption of an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a districtwide set-a-side for pavement marking and cat-tracks projects.

2. 2020-14 Streamlined TIP Amendment: MnDOT Temporary Signals

Motion: Recommend to the Council adoption of an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a project installing temporary signals at Interstate 35 E and County Road J in Lino Lakes.

3. 2020-15 Streamlined TIP Amendment: St. Louis Park

Motion: Recommend to the Council adoption of an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add roadway reconstruction to St. Louis Park's pedestrian bridge project (SP # 163-090-003).

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Berger, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Hovland, Karwoski, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 McDonnell, Swanson

Non-Consent

1. 2020-11 Scope Change Request: Metro Transit

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

Foster asked about the buses being hybrid electric. Service Development Director Adam Harrington said the 323 buses will not be hybrid electric buses because there are no contractors in the region that have them available. Hollinshead asked about new project elements and if purely electric buses were considered. Harrington it was not considered because the electric buses are still being tested. Hollinshead asked if there were other candidates for new project elements. Harrington said the money is being returned because it was not needed. Foster asked about the availability of 30-foot hybrid electric buses. Hovland asked what type of vehicles are being used on route 63. Harrington said it will be a mix of hybrid electric, ultra-low-sulfur diesel, and a place to test electric.

Harrington added that the size of the bus has to do with expected ridership. Giuliani Stephens said this route will serve a high-needs area. Karwoski said this high-density area will help prepare people for the Gold Line ridership. Geisler asked about the bus sizes. Harrington said he does not expect needing a different size before the Gold Line opens. Windschitl asked about the excess money. TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos said any money that comes under budget is returned to the region and it currently will cover the overprogramming so other project are not moved to a future year.

It was moved by Stephens, seconded by Karwoski, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve Metro Transit's request to change the scope of its Route 63 service improvement project (SP # TRS-TCMT-21B) including:

1. A reduction in the number of buses purchased and add Route 323, which would replace a portion of Route 63 and extend new service into Maplewood and Woodbury.
2. A reduction in the federal award of \$776,844 (from \$6,122,444 to \$5,345,600) to reflect a lower total project cost. **Motion carried.**

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Berger, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Hovland, Karwoski, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 McDonnell, Swanson

2. 2020-12 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit Scope Change

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Giuliani-Stephens, seconded by Karwoski, that:

The TAB Recommend to the Council adoption of an amendment into the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to reduce the length of Route 63, reduce the number of buses purchased, add Route 323, and split into two project years Metro Transit's Route 63 Service Improvement project (SP # TRS-TCMT-21B). **Motion carried.**

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Berger, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Hovland, Karwoski, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 McDonnell, Swanson

3. 2020-16 Extension of 2020 Regional Solicitation Application Deadline

Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Nick Thompson presented this item.

Boyles said it is likely regular meetings may not come back for 60 days, so he thinks that is what should be considered. Boyles expressed concern for the ability of the public to have input under the current circumstances. Hamann-Roland said the current proposal does not preclude any extensions. Karwoski said there should be the opportunity to reevaluate on May 15, 2020. Ulrich echoed the ask for 60 days as well. Sanger asked about the timing. Thompson said if 60 days were selected it would likely wrap up in January.

It was moved by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Sanger, that:
The TAB approve extension of the 2020 Regional Solicitation Application Deadline to May 15, 2020.
Motion carried.

Aye: 28 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Berger, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hovland, Karwoski, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Windschitl, Wosje
Nay: 2 Boyles, Ulrich
No Vote: 2 Hollinshead, Reich
Absent: 2 McDonnell, Swanson

VII. INFORMATION

1. There were no information items on the amended agenda.

VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary